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8. (Secret - JMM) Mr. Alton Frye, Legislative Assistant to Senator Edward Brooke (R., Mass.), called to say that, under the Senator's direction, he was working on a report of the Subcommittee on Research and Development of Senate Armed Services Committee (which Mr. Duckett briefed on 17 March 1969 re Soviet R&D). Mr. Frye said he wished to get up-to-date on the recent Pacific testing (the SS-9, the MRV) and also the ABM.

Because of the existing policy against briefing staff employees of individual senators on controversial and sensitive issues, I checked separately with Colonel Harper, Professional Staff Member, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee; Mr. Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee; and James T. Kendall, Chief Counsel, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee. Colonel Harper confirmed that Frye had Top Secret clearance but felt the question should be cleared with Mr. Braswell and possibly Senator Stennis. Braswell said he could not approve the briefing of Frye, particularly in view of the fact that this apparently was a personal request on behalf of Senator Brooke and therefore not within the framework of the Committee-Agency relationship.

Kendall agreed that we might be setting an unfortunate precedent by briefing Frye but thought we should of course offer to brief Senator Brooke himself.

I called Frye back and explained that in view of the existing ground rules limiting sensitive briefings only to members and committee staff members, I did not see how we could accede to his request. Frye said he recognized there was a problem, but could not see any logic in existing policies of discrimination against staff members with full security clearances especially when they were eligible for briefings by DOD. He said he thought Senator Brooke would want to pursue the problem further and we would see where we came out. (Frye's manner was entirely friendly throughout, but he indicated that he did not consider the matter closed.)

9. (Confidential - JMM) Called Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and explained the request of Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, for information on the Agency budget. Mr. Michaels said he would be glad to discuss the subject with Slatinshek and suggested we have Slatinshek call Michaels.

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4. (Confidential - GLC) Called Ben Gilleas, on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, in response to his earlier inquiry about the case of [REDACTED] I advised Mr. Gilleas that, as I had expected, our Director of Personnel had acted favorably on Mr. [REDACTED]'s request for an extension of his retirement date and that he would be retiring at age 62. Mr. Gilleas appreciated our keeping him informed on this.

5. (Confidential - GLC) Colonel Outlaw, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Legislative Liaison Office, called to say that Secretary Packard would like to review Mr. Helm's statement before Mr. River's committee on 18 March. In accordance with arrangements established with Mr. Frank Hand, DOD Liaison, I checked this with him and learned that this request had not come from Secretary Packard but had been generated at the staff level and should not be acted upon. I subsequently called Colonel Outlaw and told him I understood this request had been rescinded and gave him the name of an officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense to check with on this, if necessary.

Mr. Hand has advised that any requests of this nature should be acted upon only if cleared by him or made directly by Mr. Laird or Mr. Packard to the Director.

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6. (Unclassified - GLC) Contacted [REDACTED] Washington representative for [REDACTED] and gave him the name of [REDACTED] Office of Logistics, as a point of contact.

7. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called to say that it had been necessary to cancel the briefing which they had requested from the Director on 3 June. No alternate date has been suggested but Mr. Woodruff will be in touch with us again about this. The Director's office and [REDACTED] OCI, have been notified.

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25X1A 1. (Unclassified - GLC) In response to his call last week, I talked with Ben Gilleas, on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, on the [] case. I told him that the case was pending with our Director of Personnel, who had all the facts, and that I would expect a decision in the near future. I told him I would be in touch with him as soon as I learned of the outcome.

2. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Spoke with Mr. Victor Zafra, BOB; Mr. Andrew Ruddock, CSC; and Robert Hull, Department of State, concerning BOB's recent request for Agency proposed legislation to implement the transfer of credit and minimum guaranteed benefit concepts. The outcome is that the Civil Service Commission is updating their legislative package on this subject and will keep it in a standby status subject to a more formal request by BOB. CIA and State action is necessarily tied to and should follow the Commission's. See memo for the record.

3. (Secret - JGO) Reviewed with Mr. James Lowenstein, on the staff of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the Director's response to a question relating to concentration of the United States and Soviet population contained in the transcript of the Director's briefing of 23 April. Mr. Lowenstein advised that the supplement of the information provided by [] was more 25X1A than adequate. No further action is required on this matter. See Journal item of 15 May. 25X1A

25X1A 4. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from [] of 25X1A [] who advised that the Agency had not been in contact with his office since their meeting in March. After checking with [] 25X1A TSD, I advised [] that clearances were in process for approval for 25X1A contact with designated members of the Corporation and that Agency representatives would be back in contact upon completion of the clearance process. [] expressed his appreciation for the advice and indicated that he would pass it on to 25X1A [] the Corporation president.

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6. (Secret - JGO) Talked with Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, who advised that it is not certain at this time what the full Committee schedule will be on Tuesday, 27 May following the Agency meeting. In consequence, the length of time available for our meeting is not certain. See Memo for the Record for details.

7. (Confidential - JGO) The transcript of the Director's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Organization and Disarmament Affairs of 23 April was forwarded to the Committee for their use and was returned at the end of the day.

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8. (Unclassified - CEA) Talked to Mrs. Woods, in the office of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), concerning a letter from a constituent, [redacted] inquiring if the Agency were investigating her brother-in-law. I told Mrs. Woods that we had checked carefully and that the Agency has no record of [redacted] brother-in-law and is not investigating him. Mrs. Woods said she would reply to [redacted] along these lines.

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9. (Unclassified - GLC) Ben Gilleas, on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigation, called to express interest in the case of [redacted] an employee whose retirement from the Agency is contemplated in the near future. According to Gilleas, [redacted] who is being pressed to retire immediately, would like to be able to stay on with the Agency until he reaches age 62. Gilleas explained some extenuating circumstances in the case which he felt were worthy of consideration. He asked if I would look into the case, which he understands is presently being considered by Mr. Wattles. I told him I would be glad to do so. I subsequently talked to [redacted], who advised that the case is presently under review, and he will advise me of the result.

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10. (Secret - GLC) Obtained from the Senate Armed Services Committee, on a loan basis, a copy of the executive session testimony of DOD witnesses before the Committee in morning and afternoon sessions on 13 May on Military Procurement for FY 1970. These were obtained in order to review the exchanges between Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) and Dr. John Foster, DDR&E, with regard to Agency responses to the 20 questions submitted to the Director at the time of his briefing of Senator Gore's Subcommittee on International Organization and Disarmament Affairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The transcript is being reviewed by [redacted] of OSR.

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Monday - 28 April 1969

1. (Unclassified - GLC) Miss Judith Spahr, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called and asked if we could provide them with a copy of the article by Alexei Yepishev which appeared in the Soviet publication Kommunist and referred to in Anatole Shub's article in the Sunday Washington Post. After checking with the Library, I advised Miss Spahr that the article probably would not be available in English before the end of this week but we would forward it to them when it is received.
2. (Confidential - GLC) Hand carried to Lee Williams, on the staff of Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), the classified paper on Anti-Americanism in Turkey which was prepared in response to the Senator's request to the Director during their meeting on 21 April 1969.
3. (Secret - GLC) Hand carried to Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, an excerpt from the Director's testimony before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee on 8 April 1968 on the subject of the SS-9. Miss Fosdick said this was precisely what Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) wanted and thanked us for providing this information.
4. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Arnold Brustin, on the staff of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), about the dates which we had suggested for the Director to brief the Senator. He said that both of these dates were impossible for Senator Nelson. I suggested that he talk with the Senator and suggest some alternate dates which I would then check with the Director's calendar. The initiative rests with Mr. Brustin at this point.

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Friday - 25 April 1969

1. (Confidential - JMM) This morning, before 8:00 A.M., Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, phoned me at home to say that Senator Henry M. Jackson, now in New York, had called last night to express concern over word being leaked to the press regarding the SS-9. According to Miss Fosdick, Senator Jackson has been told by press friends that opponents of the U.S. ABM system are circulating word that the intelligence community has only recently--since December--been describing the SS-9 as designed primarily to hit hard targets. Miss Fosdick said Senator Jackson was sure this was not the case but he wished a briefing on the subject, including a review of past estimates dealing with the SS-9, when he returns to Washington on Tuesday. Miss Fosdick will call us next week to set a time.

Later in the morning, I called Miss Fosdick to say that on checking records of the Director's testimony, I could confirm that just one year ago--testifying before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee on 9 April 1968--he had described the SS-9 as suitable for attacking hardened targets.

2. (Unclassified - LLM) Mr. Arnold Brustin, in the office of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), called to check the status of the briefing for Senator Nelson which he had discussed with [] earlier in the week. He said the Senator may at any time ask him about the status of the arrangements for the briefing and I said we would be back in touch before the close of the day.

3. (Internal Use Only - CD) Received a call from Lacey Gude, in the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), who requested a personnel interview for [] After making the arrangements with the Office of Personnel, I advised Lacey Gude that the interview was scheduled for 10:00 A.M. this morning.

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Wednesday - 23 April 1969

1. (Secret - GLC) Hand carried to George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Mr. Bruce Clarke's response to questions posed by Representative William H. Bates (R., Mass.) and Senator John O. Pastore (D., R.I.) at the Director's briefing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. These questions had to do with the amount of Soviet GNP devoted to the ABM problem and to weaponry.

25X1C 2. (Secret - GLC) In response to his request for information on the [redacted] case, I advised Mr. George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, that there was no indication to date of NATO security or atomic energy information. I indicated that the individual appeared to be in relatively low level activity of an administrative support nature. I told him that our people were aware of his interest and that if any information concerning NATO security or atomic energy matters developed we would be in touch with him.

3. (Secret - GLC) Hand carried to Colonel Everett Harper, on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, DD/P's answers to the 20 Questions given to Mr. Carl Duckett, DD/S&T, in writing at the time of his briefing to the Subcommittee on Research and Development, Senate Armed Services Committee. These answers were given in classified and unclassified form.

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Hand carried letters from Lieutenant General R. E. Cushman, Jr., to the offices of Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.) and Representatives Bob Wilson (R., Calif.) and Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.).

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